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Golf Course Safety and Health Issues

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Overview

- Heat and Cold
- Noise
- Pesticides
- Insects and Critters
- Lightning
- Snack Bar
- Other

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Heat

- Acclimation
- Water availability
- Shade
- Alcohol
- Sun exposure to skin

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Cold

- Layered clothing
- Keep dry
- Cover head

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Noise

- Wear hearing protection
- Eye protection
- Communicate visually

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Pesticides

- Follow label directions for appropriate application at all times
- Wear protective clothing
- Medical surveillance

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Insects and Critters

- Fire ant bites
- Wasps and bee stings
- Mosquitoes
- Stray animals
- Rodents

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Lightning

- Lightning flash and thunder seconds divided by 5 = miles
- Four modes of contact
  - Direct strike
  - Splash phenomenon
  - Step potential
  - Flashover phenomenon

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Lightning (cont.)

- **Prevention**
  - **Get indoors**
  - **Avoid wide open areas or promontories where the body may be the highest projection**
  - **Don’t carry umbrellas or golf clubs**
  - **Don’t use telephones**

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Snack Bar

- Food safety
  - Temperature of food
  - Leftovers kept no more than 7 days
  - Cleanliness
  - Properly sanitized food contact surfaces with 50 ppm chlorine solution
  - Documented inspection weekly
  - Restrict ill employees from food work
  - Properly washing hands
  - Employees eat, drink and smoke in designated areas

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Driving Range

- Ensure no one goes beyond designated teeing area
- Ball picker operator adequately protected from golf balls entering cage

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Golf Cart Driving Safety

- Alcohol and driving don’t mix
- Keep body and head inside
- Safe speed
- Be courteous

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